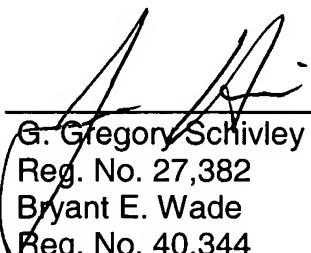


**REMARKS**

Claims 18-47 are now pending in the application. Applicant has elected Group I, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested, however, to reconsider the Restriction Requirement because both groups of claims are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other than an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both groups of claims in a single application. See, e.g., MPEP § 803. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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